

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, March 18, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Hermitage, March 18, 1845.

My dear Mr. Blair, I see with pleasure the Democracy will rally around the Globe, and that Col. Polk will have a successfull administration. He will I have no doubt keep himself aloof from all cliques, and carry out the principle declared in his inagural address, in which all true democrats can unite.

I rejoice to see that the inaugural address was handed over to the Globe to be confidentially held and given at a proper time to the other democratic papers. This denotes that the Globe will become the organ of the administration— *all is well* and I rejoice that it is so.

My dear Blair, I could not abandon you until you abandon those democratic principles that you have so well defended and maintained for so many years; and which I am sure you will continue to support as long as you live. I am no vasilating friend. If my friend is going wrong, with the feelings of a friend I admonish him, but not abandon him—if he still presists in his course I frankly give him my views as a friend, the injury his course will lead to, and there leave him to his own reflections and Judgtment. If he persists in what I view erroneous, and it leads to his injury I regret it as a friend and altho I cannot sustain him in error, I cannot abandon him, but retire in silence and regrets.

I have placed your letter where no eye but my own will ever see it, that is in ashes, and think I see harmony united in all the democracy much to the advantage and comfort

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and success of the administration of President Polk, the success of which I have much at heart, as I believe it will put down federalism, whigism, abolitionisms, and Nativeism forever, at least for a quarter of a century. The reannexation of Texas, places our glorious union on a lasting basis. This great national question was well fought and terminated gloriously.

I am happy to learn that Emuckfa, is about yielding you some fruit—may it be superior to Priam, and that Mrs. Blairs cow is about to make her dairy overflow with milk and Butter. May you, and her, and all your decendants, be allways surrounded with heavens choisests blessing, which is a prayer that all my Houshold Join me in. We all salute you and yours with the kindest wishes. I have been seriously attacked a few night ago, with pain in my right side as well as heretofore in the left. I am allways ready to say the Lords will be done,